

the Director. In promulgating procedures, an agency may take into consideration: Limiting communications to certain formats which are least conducive to the use of personal influence; segregating, to the extent possible, meetings and presentations involving matters of technical substance from those involving other aspects of the relationship; requiring that the designated agency ethics official be informed of instances where the exemption is used; or employing more restrictive practices in circumstances involving either immediate competition for contracts or applications for grants than in those involving an ongoing project.

**§ 2637.207 Exemption for persons with special qualification in a technical discipline.**

(a) *Applicability.* A former Government employee may be exempted from the restrictions on post employment practices if the head of the agency concerned with the particular matter, in consultation with the Director, executes a certification published in the FEDERAL REGISTER that such former Government employee has outstanding qualifications in a scientific, technological, or other technical discipline; is acting with respect to a particular matter which requires such qualifications; and that the national interest would be served by such former Government employee's participation.

(b) *When appropriate.* This exemption should generally be utilized only where the former Government employee's involvement is needed on so continuous and comprehensive a basis that compliance with the procedures adopted for the communication of technical information (see § 2637.206), or other actions to isolate the former Government employee from other aspects of the matter, would be burdensome and impractical.

(c) *Certification authority.* Certification should take place at no lower level than the head of the agency, the deputy thereof, or in the absence of both, the acting agency head. Consultation with the Director shall precede any certification. The exemption takes place upon the execution of the certification, provided that it is trans-

mitted to the FEDERAL REGISTER for publication.

(d) *Agency registry.* An agency may establish a registry for current employees, wherein the nature of their qualifications in one or more technical fields is certified after review by a supervisor, as a basis for establishing such qualifications in connection with, and to expedite, a later request for certification, should the necessity for such request arise.

**§ 2637.208 Testimony and statements under oath or subject to penalty of perjury.**

(a) *Statutory basis.* Section 207(h) provides:

"Nothing in this section shall prevent a former officer or employee from giving testimony under oath, or from making statements required to be made under penalty of perjury."

(b) *Applicability.* A former Government employee may testify before any court, board, commission, or legislative body with respect to matters of fact within the personal knowledge of the former Government employee. This provision does not, however, allow a former Government employee, otherwise barred under 18 U.S.C. 207 (a), (b), or (c) to testify on behalf of another as an expert witness except: (1) To the extent that the former employee may testify from personal knowledge as to occurrences which are relevant to the issues in the proceeding, including those in which the former Government employee participated, utilizing his or her expertise, or (2) in any proceeding where it is determined that another expert in the field cannot practically be obtained; that it is impracticable for the facts or opinions on the same subject to be obtained by other means, and that the former Government employee's testimony is required in the interest of justice.

(c) *Statements under penalty of perjury.* A former Government employee may make any statement required to be made under penalty of perjury, such as those required in registration statements for securities, tax returns, or security clearances. The exception does

not, however, permit a former employee to submit pleadings, applications, or other documents in a representational capacity on behalf of another merely because the attorney or other representative must sign the documents under oath or penalty of perjury.

**§ 2637.209 Partners of present or former Government employees.**

(a) *Scope.* Section 207(g) of 18 U.S.C. prohibits a partner of a current Government employee from acting as agent or attorney before the United States in a particular Government matter in which such Government employee participates, or did participate, personally and substantially. To the extent such section involves the activities of current Government employees and their partners, it is beyond the scope of these regulations.

(b) *Imputation.* Neither the Act nor these regulations impute the restrictions on former employees to partners or associates of such employees. Imputation of the restrictions of sections 207 (b)(ii) and (c) to partners of former employees would be inappropriate for the additional reason that section 207(b)(ii) itself restricts secondary-level activity, and section 207(c) is directed at the exercise of influence personal to the former Senior Employee.

**§ 2637.210 Officials of a State; officials of corporations created by an Act of Congress and public international organizations.**

For purposes of sections 207 (a), (b) and (c) of title 18 U.S.C.:

(a) An official whose powers are established by the constitution of any State of the United States does not act on behalf of "any other person" or "anyone" when acting in his or her official capacity, but rather constitutes the official authority of the State; and

(b) A former employee does not engage in unlawful activity when he or she acts on behalf of (1) a corporation specifically created by an Act of Congress if any of its directors is currently appointed by the United States; or (2) any public international organization if he or she serves by nomination or request of the United States or on temporary assignment from any agency.

**§ 2637.211 Standards and procedures for designating senior employee positions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 207(d).**

(a) *Definitions.* As used in these regulations, *Senior Employee* refers to any person specified in or designated pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 207(d)(1); that is, employed by the United States:

(1) At a rate of pay specified or fixed according to subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 5, U.S.C., generally known as "Executive Level;" or

(2) On active duty as a commissioned officer of a uniformed service in a pay grade of 0-9 or above as described in 37 U.S.C. 201; or

(3) In a position in any pay system for which the basic rate of pay is equal to or greater than that for GS-17 as prescribed by 5 U.S.C. 5332 or positions which are established within the Senior Executive Service (SES) pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, or positions of active duty commissioned officers of the uniformed services assigned to pay grade 0-7 and 0-8, as described in 37 U.S.C. 201, and who has significant decision-making or supervisory responsibilities, as designated by the Director, pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Designation procedures.* The following procedures will be followed in designation of Senior Employee positions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 207(d)(1)(C):

(1) *Positions at GS-17 and 18 level, Senior Executive Service, and pay grades 0-7 and 0-8 of the uniformed services.* The following are designated effective February 28, 1980, unless exempted as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section: All positions classified at GS-17 or above in the General Schedule; those in any other pay system, the rate of pay for which is at least that of grade GS-17; those in the Senior Executive Service; and those active duty uniformed service officers serving in pay grades 0-7 and 0-8. Each agency head shall submit to the Director, by May 15, 1979 and on every May 15 thereafter, a report consisting of: (i) a description of all positions as set forth in this paragraph; (ii) the agency's recommendation as to those positions that should not be designated, based on standards established in these regulations or any other reason; and (iii) the